

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Valley of The Moon Park Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$ 500,000
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)****Brief Project Description:**

Funds would allow needed safety and park amenity upgrades for Valley of the Moon Park in Anchorage.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$850,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$250,000	2009				
Other			\$100,000	2009		
Total	\$250,000		\$100,000			

Explanation of Other Funds:

\$250,000 for this project was secured in a 2007 MOA park bond. Additionally, \$100,000 for the project will come from private donations and other local sources.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This budget request is a public health priority. Valley of the Moon Park is one of Anchorage's most popular parks, and is enjoyed by a very culturally diverse user group. This park is located near many high density housing areas and is a safe and healthy place for Anchorage families to recreate. The park features picnic facilities, open field space, a playground, and access to the Chester Creek trail system. Requested funds would go towards several areas of need including playground equipment safety upgrades, creek bank stabilization and restoration, and park amenity upgrades. This project has been identified as a priority by the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage Parks Foundation.

Project Timeline:

If funding granted, park upgrades would begin in summer of 2008.
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Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

MOA

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Anchorage Park Foundation

Valley of the Moon

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Parks & Recreation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts that link neighborhoods with surrounding natural open space and wildlife habitat. These are considerable assets for the citizens of Anchorage to enjoy and maintain.

Parks & Recreation launched the *Clean & Green, Safe & Secure Campaign* with the Anchorage Park Foundation to upgrade the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks. To get involved call 343-4288.

Valley of the Moon Park is one of Anchorage's most popular and well used recreation areas. Located close to Downtown, the park offers picnic and play areas including the city's tallest play structure as well as open field space for neighborhood football and soccer games. The park is also a part of the Chester Creek Greenbelt and offers trail users a respite from their athletic activities on the trail. Due to its ideal location, the park also draws a very culturally diverse user group that represents the many nationalities that inhabit the Anchorage Bowl. Unfortunately, the popularity and extensive use of the park has left visible signs on the park infrastructure. The park has developed the need for safety upgrades for play equipment, upgraded turf areas including irrigation, stabilized and enhanced stream bank areas for habitat protection, and to provide improved signage, park amenities and landscaping.

Requested state funds would be used to leverage municipal and Anchorage Park Foundation funds for needed improvements to the park.

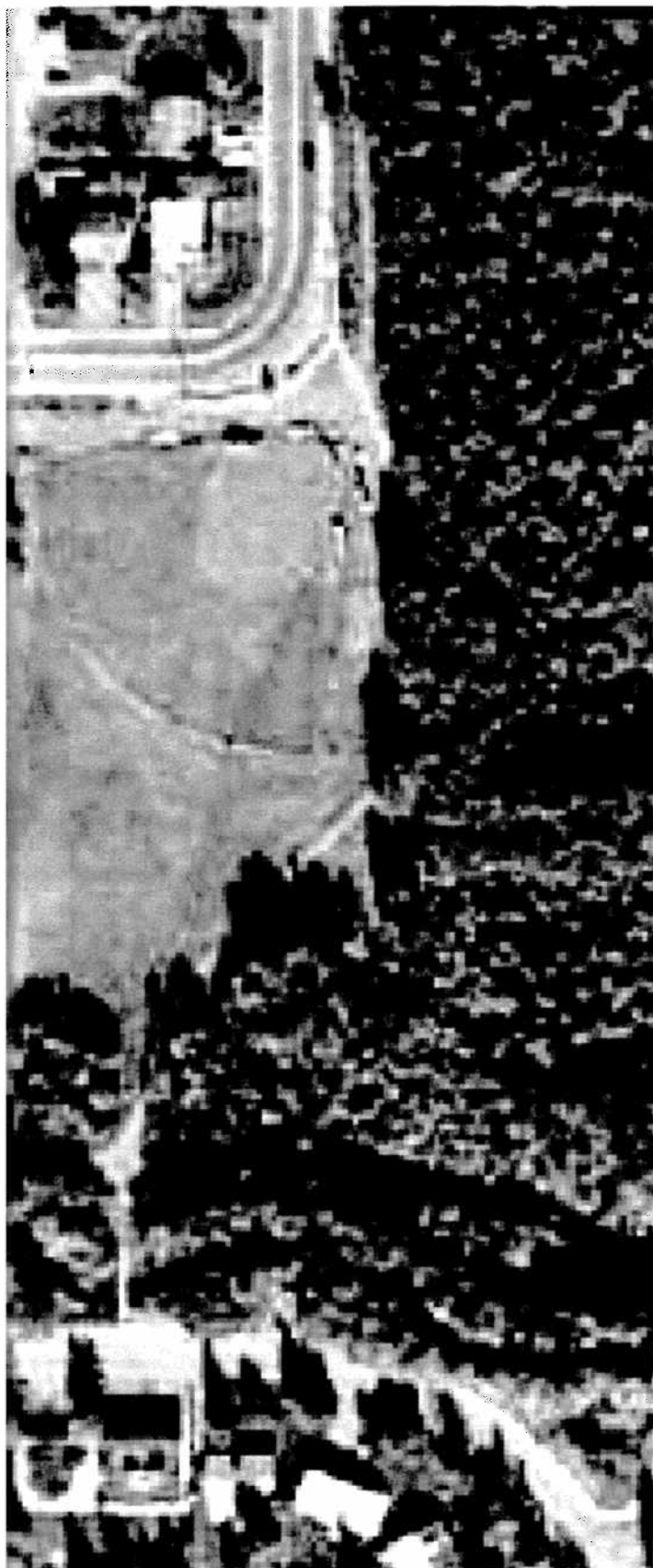


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Project Budget

Cost

1. Bank Stabilization/Restoration	\$50,000
2. Playground Safety Upgrades	\$350,000
3. Signage and Park Amenities	\$250,000
4. Irrigation	\$200,000

Total	\$850,000
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2008 REQUEST

State	\$500,000
Other	\$100,000
Total	\$600,000

2007 Park Bond	\$250,000
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	\$850,000



2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES*****Capital Budget*****Parks & Recreation****PROJECT NAME:** VALLEY OF THE MOON PARK - PHASE II**PROJECT TYPE:** Safety**GRANT REQUEST:** \$500,000**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

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COMMENTS:

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In 2007, voters approved a \$250,000 municipal park bond which is funding design and small improvements to this extremely popular community park.

JUSTIFICATION:

Unfortunately, the popularity and extensive use of the park has left visible signs on the park infrastructure. Funds are needed to ensure a safe community park for future generations.

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	500	0	0	0	0	0	500
9999 - Other Sources	100	0	0	0	0	0	100
Project Total	600	0	0	0	0	0	600

Legislative District(s)**House:** District 23-Downtown/Rogers Park, District 25-East Spenard**Community Council(s):** North Star, South Addition**CONTACT PERSON:** Jeff Dillon, Director; Anchorage Parks & Recreation; 343-4562; dillonrj@muni.org